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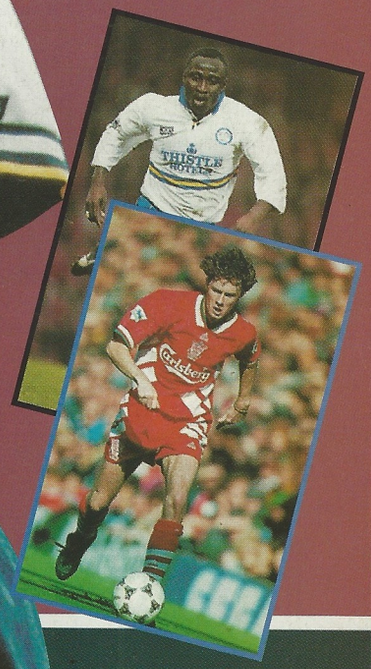

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SHOOT CORNER

Football Madness by Stephen "Australia's answer to Gary Bloom" Copping...

A SHOOT WINNER!

Kerry Heemann and Stefan Heemann (an aspiring Socceroo) sent in this picture of Ballarat Under-10s, who won their final round last season, 2-0 against Forest Rangers. The boys and girls are now busy training for the new season. They are over the moon that they are featured in **SHOOT** magazine.

BACK ROW: (left to right): Stratos Maglogiannis, Andrew Biggs, Matthew Powell, Sean Tassi, Vincent Elliot. **FRONT ROW:** Donna Bogers, Bethony Taylor, Jai Ellen, Jonathan Natsioulas, Stefan Heemann.

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COACH'S CORNER

DAVID RATCLIFFE
(WOLLONGONG CITY)

BEST MOMENT: Making the play-offs with Wollongong City a couple of seasons ago.
BEST BARGAIN: Former Socceroo and Wollongong City captain, Charlie Yankos. Charlie was value for money and he set a great example for other players to follow. Marconi-Fairfield's Mike Smith was also a good signing. I brought him from NSW State League side Eastern Suburbs.
BEST COACH: Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson, Adelaide City's Zoran Matic and South Melbourne's Frank Arok. Over the years I have learnt a number of things from all these coaches.
ADVICE TO A YOUNG PLAYER: Listen. With some players it goes in one ear and out the other. Nothing comes easy, you have to practise to get anywhere.
MY AMBITION: To do as well as I possibly can. Also, give players every opportunity to reach their full potential. That's what coaching is all about.
I'D BUY: Brazil's striker Romario or England's Alan Shearer. Players that can score goals are the hardest people to find.
BEST VICTORY: Wollongong City's 7-0 victory against West Adelaide.

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YOUNG GUNS 2

ADRIAN CERVINSKI
21, WOLLONGONG CITY

A pre-season hernia operation left Cervinski out in the cold at Melbourne Knights. When Mark Viduka's striking partner openly revealed that he wanted to get away from Mirko Bazic's reigns, Melbourne Zebras, Wollongong City, Sydney United and South Melbourne joined the chase for Cervinski's services. The Olyroo ace signed for David Ratcliffe's Brandon Park outfit, and his recent form and goal spree has made it a rewarding second half of the season for the gifted striker.

LETTER OF THE WEEK
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Dear SHOOT
The recent internationals against Colombia and Japan were very interesting, or, so they would have been if I had seen more than twenty seconds of highlights on the news.
In Queensland, only the South-East receives SBS, leaving 4/5ths of the state without any Australian soccer coverage. Why doesn't SBS sell their rights to TV stations which everyone, regardless of where they live, can watch.
Soccer got a boost at our local school from last year's World Cup, but enthusiasm soon waned when it was realised that there were no televised matches. Pity, isn't it?

SHOOT says:
It must be very frustrating not being able to sit down in front of the TV and watch a good game of football. I seriously see Pay TV as the ideal solution to all our problems in Australia when it comes to soccer coverage. It will take time but you will, one day, have the choice of watching live internationals in Australia and overseas.

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SHOOT SHOTS

CAPITAL COSMOS

Did you know that soccer in the ACT is the largest participation

sport with over 11,000 registered players? If Canberra Cosmos join the National Soccer League next season it will give soccer a huge boost in the area. The club are expected to name their new coach next month.

UNCLE STAVROS

Andy Paschalidis has promised that his popular character "Uncle Stavros" will be making a return to the small screen. Paschalidis, now with Pay TV and host of Galaxy's soccer network, says: "Uncle Stavros is going to be doing other sports, he's finished with soccer." Next week, SHOOT goes behind the scenes at Galaxy and finds out what Pay TV is offering the soccer fans of Australia.

HAIL CORICA!

Marconi-Fairfield ace Steve Corica, who flew to Germany on February 24, according to his management company, STG, is trialing with two clubs. They are rumoured to be Borussia Dortmund and Stuttgart.

FLY WITH THE EAGLES

Parramatta Eagles president Sam Vella was somewhat reticent to voice his opinions of sacked coach Rale Rasic when SHOOT contacted him only hours after the one-time Socceroo coach was given his marching orders from Melita Stadium. "It was a decision by the board," was all Vella could say.

ON THE MOVE

Gabriel Mendez's brother, Marcelo, has joined Manfred Schaefer at Rockdale Suns. Washington Gonzalez was going to be the Under-18s coach at Rockdale before he was offered the Parramatta Eagles post. Paul Richardson, 21, a former Blacktown City player, is training at Bankstown City.

MARK VIDUKA writes just for you..and only in SHOOT

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY REAL

MARK VIDUKA is at it again - scoring goals that is. The Young Socceroo captain has now scored 33 times in the National Soccer League in less than two seasons. His four stunning goals against Morwell Falcons will no doubt make him the country's leading goalscorer for the second season in a row.
This week Mark Viduka talks about goals, Mark Silic and Adelaide City.

STORMING

Melbourne Knights are storming to the minor premiership, we're now 12 points ahead of our nearest rivals Adelaide City. We've scored 12 goals in two games and our next match is not until Round 23 when we take on the Zebras on our home ground, the Melbourne Croatian Sports Centre. That game should see us clinch the premiership.

A BIT OF LUCK

Scoring is all about luck and my four against Morwell Falcons proved the point, still I was very happy with my third goal. It was great to see Joe Spiteri score for the first time this year, that will give him a big boost for the play-offs.

I'M STAYING-FOR NOW!

There's always newspaper talk that I'm going to this club or that club. As I told you last week I have only been approached by Selangor's coach Ken Worden. I'm not even thinking about going overseas and before I do I want a holiday. I'm going to sit down and think about when and where I want to play next season. I'm glad to hear that Steve Corica was recently in Europe trying to secure a contract. Steve is a marvellous player. If we played in the same side it would be great for me because Steve is such a creative player. He would give me so many more opportunities to score.

UNDERRATED

I wouldn't like to pick out any individual performances on the Knights side which beat Morwell Falcons because it was a good overall team effort and that's what you need against any team in the NSL.
Mind you, Mark Silic doesn't get much of a mention in the press but he's been one of our best players this season. He's a lively midfielder and could go on and be an even better player than Joe Biskic.

COMMITMENTS

It's a relief that there is no international fixtures on the horizon. Recently it has been a very busy time for me, what with the Socceroos, Olyroos and Young Socceroos. For the next couple of months I can concentrate on playing for the Melbourne Knights and work on my fitness and motivation. When there's too much going on I find it hard to focus on playing. Saying that, if I'm still around in June I would love to be involved in Australia's three-match series against Ghana.

CELEBRATING

After the Morwell victory all the players went for a drink. It's good to sit down and have a laugh with all your team-mates and winning makes it easier to unwind after a game. We have a bye this weekend so we'll be having a few practise matches with the youth side. Then it's the big one, our clash with Adelaide City...
I can't wait.

Enjoy your football,

Mark Viduka

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NSL (ROUND 21)

WOLLONGONG WOLVES (0) 0
MELBOURNE ZEBRAS (2) 3
Enes(4), Trajceski(42), Zinni(53)
Att: 2,158
Wollongong: Hughes(Stojkovic 83), Forshaw, O'Shea, Cervinski, Coveny, Murray(Boniteg 45), Cellini(Middleby 45), Bourke, Bradley, Ricoy, Macolino
Booked: Ricoy(28),Coveny (42), Cellini(43), Bradley(77)
Melb.Zebras: Kourtis, Trajkovski, Kuleski, Enes, Della Rocca, Trajceski, Zinni, Banini, Tricarico, Ngata, Jolevski
Booked: Kuleski(39)
Referee: Con Diomis

BRISBANE STRIKERS (0) 4
Hunter(57), Slater(63), Ditton(75), Brown(81)
HEIDELBERG UNITED (1) 1
Despotovski(7)
Att: 2,493
Brisbane: Bolton, Zoricich, Hunter, Phillips, Stowell (Hutchison 85), Brown, Wright (Evans 17), Slater, S.Cranney, Williams, Ditton
Heidelberg: Miller, Watson, Scott, Wade, McNicol, Georgiadis, Vlahos, Koutos, Ardone (Vasiliadis 78), Despotovski (Kiratzoglou 53), Psarros
Booked: Psarros(42), Georgiadis (44), Koutos (56)
Referee: Neil Jones

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (0) 0
ADELAIDE CITY (0) 2
Mori(70), Foster(75)
Att: 871
Syd.Olympic: Gibson, Barrett, Sorras, Milosevic, Johnson, Tome, Poimer(Bouhoutsos 67), Juric, Maloney, Meredith(Augerinos 74)
Booked: Caleta(29), Johnson(62)
Sent-off: Gibson(67)
Adelaide: Petkovic, Melta, Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira, Mori, Hassell, Gibson, Lozanovski, Foster(Goutsioulis 79)
Referee: Eugene Brazzale

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS (3) 6
Viduka (8,44,75,79), o.g Douglas (38), Spiteri (88)
MORWELL FALCONS (1) 2
Tapai(3,64)
Att: 3,520
Melb.Knights: Juric, De Amicis, Horvat, Silic, Viduka, Lapsansky, Spiteri, Tiatto(Vojtek 84), Markovski, Pondeljak(Grganovic 46)
Booked: De Amicis
Morwell: Matassa, Upton, Parton, Tapai, Sevin, Bothwell, Stergiopoulos, Spink, Marcina
Booked: Stergiopoulos(16), Geri(52)
Sent-off: Upton(70)
Referee: Brett Hugo

SOUTH MELBOURNE (0) 1
Panopoulos(49)
PARRAMATTA EAGLES (0) 1
Haythornthwaite(60)
(Parramatta wins 4-2 on penalties)
Att: 4,047
Sth.Melb: Mautone, Muscat(Lucchetta 6), Valkanis, Polak, Kelic, Trimboli, Boutsianis (Mihaloglou 70), Petersen, Anthopoulos, Panopoulos, Kuzmanovic
Parramatta: Franken, Sprod, P.Souris, Gwynne, Moffitt, Reda, Gunning, G.Souris, Gilbert, Revely, O'Donnell
Booked: Reda(13), G.Souris (83)
Referee: Gerry Connolly

WEST ADELAIDE (0) 0
SYDNEY UNITED (2) 2
Popovic (20), Stanton(28)
Att: 3,111
West.Ad: Blazincic, Kokkinoplitis, Slager, Haniotis(Alagich 26), Hooker, Iriarte, Andriolo, Ndongo-Keller, Cardozo, Lazaridis, Keramidis(Tsekinis 29), Aloisi
Syd.Utd: Kalac, Stanton, Kupresak, Popovic, Babic, Naumovski, Petkovic, Milicic(Babic 74), Hristodolou, Lamond, Bilokapic(Vrkic 79)
Booked: Naumovski(37), Stanton(78)
Referee: Mike Ingham

NSL (ROUND 22)

MELBOURNE ZEBRAS V WEST ADELAIDE
MORWELL FALCONS V BRISBANE STRIKERS
HEIDELBERG UNITED V WOLLONGONG CITY
SYDNEY UNITED V PARRAMATTA EAGLES
SYDNEY OLYMPIC V SOUTH MELBOURNE
ADELAIDE CITY V MARCONI-FAIRFIELD

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	PW	L	F	A	PTS
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	20	14	3	2	3	46	20	61
ADELAIDE CITY	18	11	4	1	3	29	13	49
SYDNEY UNITED	18	10	5	3	3	24	14	48
WEST ADELAIDE	19	8	5	3	6	23	24	40
WOLLONGONG CITY	20	8	4	2	8	33	31	38
BRISBANE STRIKERS	19	7	5	3	7	26	18	36
SOUTH MELBOURNE	18	7	4	2	7	35	28	34
MELBOURNE ZEBRAS	19	6	5	4	8	20	31	33
MORWELL FALCONS	18	4	10	3	4	24	28	29
MARCONI-FAIRFIELD	19	5	6	3	8	24	28	29
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	20	6	3	2	11	20	29	29
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	19	4	4	1	11	16	29	21
HEIDELBERG	19	3	2	1	14	17	44	15

OVERSEAS NEWS

CARL VEART, who scored his 11th goal of the season for Sheffield United against Port Vale last weekend, says he was disappointed with the 1-1 draw. "We should have won," claims Veart. "It was not the best goal I have scored this season, it came off a rebound, but I was still happy with it. We are not playing that well at the moment and we must improve if we are going to be challenging for a play-off spot."

ANTHONY CARBONE says he is getting frustrated at English Premier League side Notts Forest. Carbone, currently challenging for a reserve team place, says: "It is very hard in the reserves because we have so many juniors in the side. Our squad is full of good players and getting a run each week is not easy. We played Blackburn Rovers' reserves side recently and we were up against some established internationals." Carbone also admits that he is missing Perth. "It is freezing in England. If I was back in Perth I would be experiencing a heat wave. I spoke to my former Young Socceroo team-mate, Craig Moore, who is now at Glasgow Rangers. He is also finding it hard at Glasgow. He's struggling to make the first team because there's so many players at the club. I have got one more year left on my contract and I do miss my family and friends in Australia. At the end of the season I'm hoping to return to Australia for a holiday."

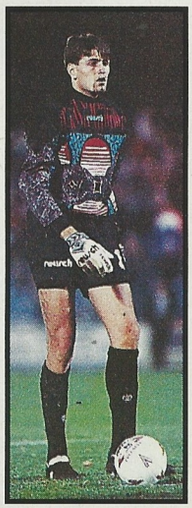
DOUG HODGSON is expected to be back in action for Sheffield United's reserves this week. Hodgson broke his nose in a training collision and then suffered complications with two operations, forcing him on the sidelines for a further four weeks.

DAVID MITCHELL AND JASON VAN BLERK, Millwall's Australian imports, recently appeared on BBC's popular "Football Focus" program. They were interviewed after Millwall's FA Cup victory against Chelsea. "We were asked about Australian football," says Van Blerk, who has now made over 25 appearances for the First Division side this season.

JASON KEARTON, on loan to Notts County, is unlikely to be considering a long-term move to the struggling First Division side. Kearton is being mentioned as a replacement for the ageing Everton 'keeper Neville Southall next season, and his club now value him at $1 million. Notts County want Kearton to stay for a third month at Meadow Lane.

MICHAEL URUKALO says he is considering offers to coach in Europe and Asia. The one-time Heidelberg United boss is expected to make an announcement this week.

ZELJKO KALAC, Sydney United's outstanding Socceroo 'keeper (pictured), is no longer on Norwich City's wanted list. The Norfolk-based Premier League club have signed Burnley custodian John Beresford for a transfer fee of around $1.4 million.



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ON THE SPOT with ANTE MILICIC

March 5, 1993 and Ante Milicic's stunning goal for the Young Socceroos against Colombia during the World Youth Championship was witnessed by some of the world's leading scouts. A rushed move to Germany and Borussia Dortmund is on the cards within hours of Australia's semi-final defeat against the eventual winners, Brazil. A $300,000 transfer fee is agreed upon and the striker they call "speedy" is ready to link up with Dortmund's other Australian import Ned Zelic. That was two years ago... so why is Ante Milicic still in Australia and struggling to get into the Sydney United first team?

SHOOT: Do you regret not joining Borussia Dortmund in 1993?

ANTE: Looking back now I made a mistake in not going overseas. I was also approached by Young Boys of Berne in Switzerland. I was getting a lot of advice from different people, and I ended up not knowing what to do. I guess I was just too young at the time.

SHOOT: A lot of people have said that you will never return to your Young Socceroo form. Do you think you will?

ANTE: Only a handful of people have kept faith me in me during the last two years. My aim is to repay those people. I also want to prove all the doubters wrong.

SHOOT: Since 1993 you seem to have been plagued by groin injuries. Are your now 100 per cent fit?

ANTE: I am currently free from injury. There has been a number of problems with my groin over the last two seasons, but at the moment it feels great to be out of the treatment room.

SHOOT: Your recent form suggests you are capable of returning to the standards you were setting during the World Youth Championship in 1993.

ANTE: Branko Culina is allowing me the time to express myself and I have been very happy with my last six performances. I know I haven't been scoring regularly, the ball just hasn't been falling for me.

SHOOT: Do you still want to play overseas?

ANTE: I will only head abroad when the time is right. I am only 21 and at the end of the season I will see what my options are. Last year I went backwards, why, I just can't work out. This season I feel more hungry and more motivated to get back to my best.

SHOOT: Can Sydney United win the Grand Final?

ANTE: The team is looking dangerous and when we start putting away our chances we will be even more of a threat to the likes of Adelaide City and Melbourne Knights.

SCHAEFER ON MILICIC

(Former Sydney United coach Manfred Schaefer)

Ante hasn't fulfilled his potential. During the World Youth Championship he received a lot of publicity but it was the likes of Craig Moore and Anthony Carbone that went overseas. Injury last year hampered his season but he is slowly getting better. Ante is a confidence player and he's got a nose for goals. His greatest attributes are his strength and skill.

CULINA ON MILICIC

(Sydney United coach Branko Culina)

Ante is one of those category A players in Australia. He is progressing well this year and I'm pleased with his consistency. He needs to take his chances in front of goal and improve his commitment. There is still a lot of work Ante needs to do on his game but working harder is the first step. Ante is right up there with the very best in Australia when it comes to natural ability.

PREMIER DREAMS

MILLIONS OF KIDS dream of playing in one of the world's top competitions - the English Premier League.

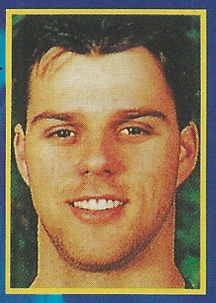
The few Australians that have made the journey across to England are no different.

Some like Aston Villa's Mark Bosnich and Blackburn Rovers' Robbie Slater have already graced Premier League grounds successfully.

Socceroo and Millwall's Jason Van Blerk and Notts County's Shaun Murphy, a former Olyroo, both hope, one day, to compete in the Premier League.

SHOOT caught up with Van Blerk and Murphy, whose clubs are at the opposite ends of the First Division, and asked them who's going up and who's going down at the end of the season.

WHO'S GOING UP



JASON VANBLERK

SAYS up to 12 clubs are still fighting for promotion to the Premier League - including Millwall.

Van Blerk, 27 this Thursday, says his side's chances of snatching one of the four play-off places could be decided at the end of March.

The Socceroo full-back, who scored his first goal for Millwall in their 3-1 victory against Swindon, says: "We will have played 14 games in two months at the end of March...we just can't afford to lose any of our next three games."

Millwall play Bolton Wanderers, WBA and Tranmere.

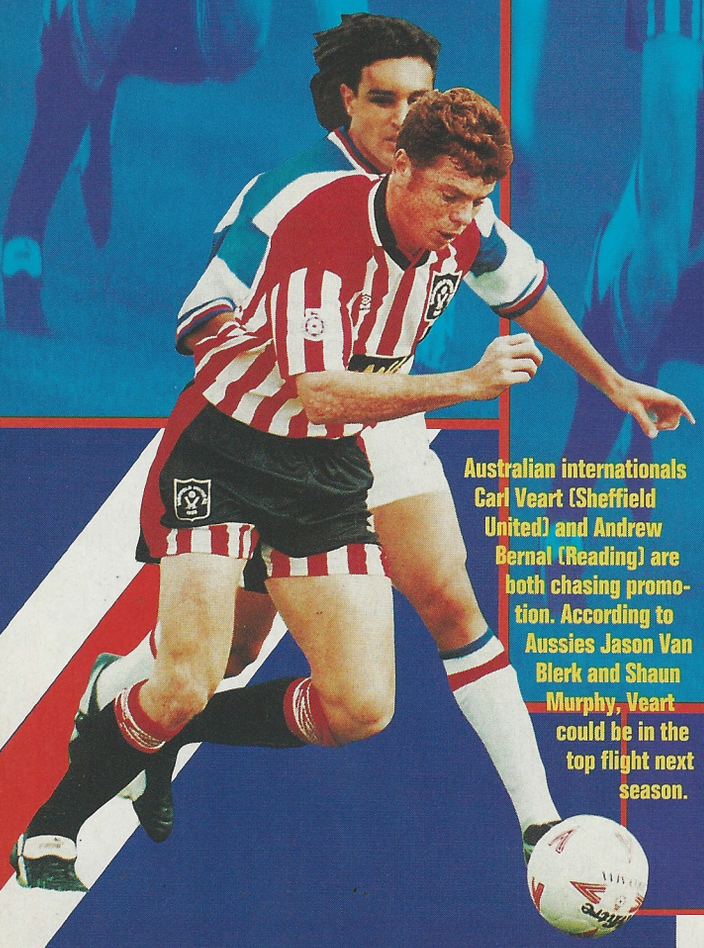
"Division One is very competitive but I would have to say Tranmere, Bolton, Wolves, Middlesbrough and Sheffield United are the favourites fighting it out for the two promotion spots.

"Carl Veart is making a big name for himself in the Midlands with Sheffield United.

"There are a lot of teams like Reading, Watford and Barnsley hanging around and causing problems.

"Millwall's priority is to reach the play-offs and I've put a small bet on that we will make it.

"Every player in Division One wants to play in the Premier League - it's where you can really make a name for yourself."



Australian internationals Carl Veart (Sheffield United) and Andrew Bernal (Reading) are both chasing promotion. According to Aussies Jason Van Blerk and Shaun Murphy, Veart could be in the top flight next season.

WHO'S GOING DOWN

SHAUN MURPHY

RECKONS he's been given a new lease of life by former Everton boss Howard Kendall, but he isn't too hopeful of avoiding relegation with Notts County.

Kendall, the third manager at Meadow Lane this season, has made Murphy a regular in the County side now boasting former Liverpool legend Steve Nicol.

"Kendall is in a different class. You have respect for him because he's been there and done it," reveals Murphy.

"We still have a chance of avoiding the drop but the teams above us are also winning which is making it difficult."

"Burnley and County have been tipped to make the drop and Swindon and Bristol City have also struggled this season."

Games are running out for County, however, Murphy is enjoying Kendall's leadership qualities.

"The training at the club has improved and the boss has helped me concentrate during 90 minutes, a part of my game I had to improve.

"If Kendall had been here at the start of the season then I know we would not be in fear of relegation."

Murphy has no hesitation in predicting that Carl Veart's Sheffield United will make the Premier League.

"They are a good side and my tip for automatic promotion."

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